



Lewis: car finance is 'next PPI'

MONEY expert Martin Lewis has said that motorists could be entitled to one of the biggest payouts in UK history as more than one million complaints have been submitted

have been submitted over car finance.

Millions of customers have raised concerns that they may have been overcharged on car finance according to MoneySavingExpert.com.

Consumer champion Lewis (above) said car finance mis-selling has the potential to be the "second biggest reclaim

the potential to be the "second biggest reclaim payout in UK history" after the PPI scandal. Mr Lewis said: "The numbers of complaints in not much more than a month is staggering more than I expected. "It's not surprising

"It's not surprising that some firms are struggling to respond to complaints in a decent time. "To frustrated

complainers, I'd say for now we should be prepared to give firms some wriggle room."

Wage growth slows in UK

WAGE growth has eased back again as Britain's unemployment rate ticked up but earnings are still outpacing inflation,

official figures say.

The Office for National Statistics said average regular pay growth, excluding bonuses, fell to 6.1% in the quarter to January – down from 6.2% in the three months to December, and marking the slowest growth for

more than a year.
When taking Consumer
Prices Index inflation into account, real regular wages rose by 2% – the highest since the summer of 2019.

GANGS of CANNIBALS are feasting on human corpses piling up as the Caribbean nation of Haiti slides even further towards hell.

The impoverished country was plunged into chaos earlier this month when gangs freed thousands of bloodthirsty criminals from jails.

And a gang boss, nicknamed Barbecue, has emerged as the strongman with Haiti's future in his hands.

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Jimmy Cherizier, leader of the notorious G9 and Family gang, is in command of the bulk of the gunmen stirring anarchy in the capital of Port-au-Prince.
It's thought his influence will only grow following the resignation of Haiti's Prime Minister Ariel Henry on Monday night.

Monday night.

Devil

"I am ready to make an alliance with the Devil, ready to sleep in the same bed as the Devil," Chérizier told his supporters last week as his fighters destroyed police stations and other government facilities.

facilities.

Some claim that the rifle-wielding 47-year-old mobster's nickname comes from his penchant for setting his victims on fire, though he said it's an old moniker his mother gave him as a boy.

He likened himself to Martin Luther King Jr during an interview lost year and was

interview last year, and was

Gory scenes as Haiti descends into hell **HE PILES OF CORPSES ARE LIKE**

BUFFET FOR CANNIBALS



previously a member of the Haitian national police. He was expelled from the force in 2018 and went on to take over the G9 Family, which controls the slums and streets of Port-au-Prince. It's believed his followers

rottinely engage in cannibalism and earlier this week footage emerged of what were claimed to be G9 members eating flesh from freshly-massacred human



Tory donor apologises for 2019 remarks



A TYCOON who once loaned Rishi Sunak his helicopter has apologised after reportedly saving MP Diane Abbott made saying MP Diane Abbott made Radio 4's Today if the Conservatives should hand back Mr Hester's donations, Mr Stuart said he was not sure.

The Guardian reported that Frank Hester made the remarks about the then-Shadow Home red is a politics which

then-Shadow Home Secretary during a about the

Secretary during a 2019 meeting.

Mr Hester, who runs a health tech firm and gave the Tories £10m last year, admitted year, admitted ng the "rude" making making the "rude" comments about her, but said his remarks "had nothing to do with her gender nor colour of skin".

Energy Minister Caphes Stuates and

Energy Min Graham said Mr Hester's comments were "clearly wrong", but warned against

"cancelling anyone who has ever said anything". When asked on BBC

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Radio 4's *Today* if the Conservatives should

shows more kindness and understanding of each other, not the vile polarisation we've seen in which people are

in which people are denigrated and attacked." Speaking in the Commons, Shadow Speaking in the Commons, Shadow Health Secretary Wes Streeting said: "This is utterly revolting, racist, and inciteful language.

and inciteful language. It has no place in our politics and public life." Mr Hester is the founder and chief exec of TPP, a Leeds-based company specialising in providing healthcare technology.

One of the Tory Party's biggest donors, he gave £5m to them last year, with a further £5m donated through his

donated through his company.

In November, he gifted Rishi Sunak the use of a helicopter for a political visit, valued at £15,900, according to parliamentary records.

The Guardian wrote be held made remarks

The Guardian wrote he had made remarks about Ms Abbott while criticising a female executive at another organisation during a meeting at TPP's HQ in 2019.

The newspaper said that he went on to say: "It's like trying not to be racist but you see Diane Abbott on the TV, and you'rejustlike, 'Ihate...', you just want to hate all black women because she's there, and I don't hate all black women at all, but I think should be shot."

We needs gas power plants

GANG

THE UK risks blackouts unless it builds new, gas-fired power stations, Energy Security Secretary Claire Coutinho has warned. The new stations will replace existing plants, many of which are

many of which are aging and will soon be retired.

But the Government said the CO2 produced will not be captured – a measure which limits climate abongs.

a measure which limits climate change.
That could threaten a legally binding commitment to cut carbon emissions to net zero by 2050, critics claimed.
The Government said

new gas power stations were needed to have a safe and reliable back up for days when renewables like wind and solar simply didn't

and solar simply didn't deliver.
Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said he would not "gamble with our energy security".
The decision is part of a wide-reaching review of how the UK's energy market works energy market works

Pet owners may pay over odds

PET owners could be paying over the odds for medicine or prescriptions, the competition watchdog

has warned.

The Competition and **Markets Authority** launched a review last year over concerns that pet owners could be paying too much and received 56k responses.

Its boss said it had heard worries about pet owners struggling to access basic information, such as price lists. The British Veterinary

Association said that vets were "fundamentally motivated by animal welfare". The vet industry is worth £2billion after pet

ownership rose to two thirds of LIK households during the pandemic.



SORRY: Frank Hester

some rare sunny spells as it feels noticeably milder across the UK. Staying cloudy and wet across England and Wales.

Temperatures of 11C in London, 13C in Cardiff and in Manchester, 9C in Belfast, and 8C in Edinburgh.
Thursday will be pretty



similar, with some heavy rain in the north west of England followed by the odd glimmer of sun.

Temperatures of 15C in London, 14C in Cardiff, 13C in Manchester, 10C in Belfast, and 7C in Edinburgh.
OUTLOOK: Wet & mild.





suggests regular exercise can also add up to three years to life expectancy.





Miriam: time adults ditched Harry Potter!

MOUTHY Miriam Margolyes has enraged adult Harry Potter fans by claiming they should be "over" the book by now as it is "for children".

"for children".
The actress (above) played Prof Sprout in the film series, based on J.K. Rowling's boy-wizard books.
Despite insisting it was "wonderful" and

Despite insisting it was "wonderful" and she was "very grateful" to the franchise, the BAFTA award-winning star, 82, admitted: "I worry about Harry Potter fans... they should be over that by now. It was 25 years ago and it's for kids. "But they get stuck in it... I do cameos and people say, 'Oh, we are having a Harry Potter-themed wedding' and I think, 'Gosh, what's their first night of fun going to be?!" "Harry Potter is wonderful... I'm very grateful to it, it's over." One social media user commented: "You can never be too old for Harry Potter. I just started reading The Philosopher's Stone which is amazing. "People need a fantasy world to correlate to, to escape

fantasy world to correlate to, to escape from the real world sometimes."

Tate brothers are held in Romania

ANDREW Tate and his brother Tristan have been detained in Romania aftei European arrest warrants were issued by the UK, his representative said. The allegations,

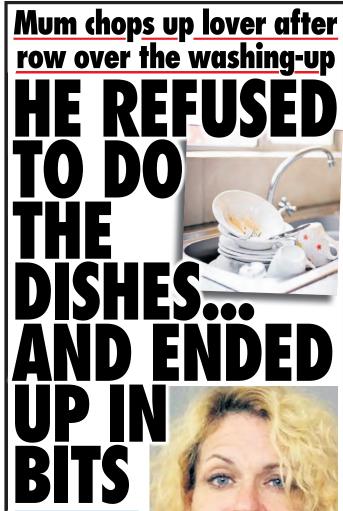
The allegations, including sexual aggression, cover 2012 to 2015, his team added. The Tate brothers "categorically reject all charges", a statement yesterday said.

Romanian police said Furnnean arrest warrants.

European arrest warrants for two men were issued by UK authorities for sexual offences on Monday. The alleged offences

also included exploiting people on the territory of Great Britain, the Romanian police statement said.

The two men were nresented to the prosecutor attached to the Bucharest Court of Appeal, who ordered their detention for 24 hours, police added.



By KIT JACKSON

A WOMAN who chopped up her lover after a row over dirty dishes faces

61 years in jail.

Michelina Goodwin, 46, of Great Mills, Maryland, was found guilty of killing

was found guilty of kil and dismembering boyfriend and then dumping the remains in various locations. She was convicted of second-degree murder, use of a firearm in commission of a crime, and the unauthorised disposal of a body in the death of 50-year-old James Nalborczyk. Nalborczyk's family first reported him missing on December 21, 2022, saying they last saw him two weeks prior to that, the St. Mary's County State's Attorney's office said. After an extensive

After an extensive investigation, police found Nalborczyk was not simply missing, but had been murdered, and Goodwin was then identified as the main suspect in that murder investigation.
While being probed

by investigators in January 2023, she said she and Nalborczyk got

GUILTY: Michelina Goodwin (above) shot dead James Nalborczyk (left) after row

the help of a friend to assist her in disposing of Nalborczyk's dead body from her home." She then admitted disposing of the remains in remote parts of St. Mary's and Charles counties, authorities said.

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"This horrifying crime shocked the community and caused unimaginable pain to the victim's family, state attorney Jaymi Sterling said.

"Over eight days, the victim's family and jury heard the often graphic circumstances of the victim's final moments and pretty gruesome post-mortem mutilation. The defendant's gutless decisions deprived the victim's family of a proper burial."



from behind the bedroom door and pointed it at Nalborczyk. "She said that the gun went off, striking Nalborczyk in the back and killing him. She said she then enlisted

A police report stated: "She said that during an altercation she retrieved a firearm

from behind the bedroom

wanted to own up to her Mother's Day photo blunder as she believed honesty was the "best policy", it has been claimed.

In an astonishing move, Kate Middleton admitted on Monday that she "edited" an image showing her celebrating Mothering Sunday with her three children

But a Palace insider said the princess felt "awful" about the altered image, and she had tried to make the photo the "best it could be".

It comes after the princess said in a rare personal message on Twitter that she occasionally experimented as an amateur photographer". She apologised for

any "confusion" the photograph had caused, after six global picture agencies pulled the image from their wires and libraries amid concern that the source has manipulated the image'





Daryl: I was anxious over nude scenes

DISHY Daryl Hannah says she was "incredibly anxious" about performing nude in the 1984 hit movie Splash.

The 63-year-old actress starred opposite Tom Hanks in the flick, which follows a young man who falls in love with a woman who turns out to be a mermaid.

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Daryl revealed that she was "really naive" while working on the film, which was shot when she was in her early twenties.
She also said that she was apprehensive about the prospect of appearing nude.

Sheltered

Sheltered
"I was very
world-travelled, but
very sheltered at the
same time. I hadn't
really had a boyfriend
yet, so I was incredibly
anxious about any
nudity," she recalled.
The Kill Bill actress
went on to state that
director Ron Howard's
team devised a method
of showing off much
of her skin while
obscuring her boobs.
She recalled that
they "came up with my
hair covering my boobs
because they didn't
want me to have any
kind of, I don't know...
shell bathing suit top
or anything — which I
understood".

Activists catch pig shagger

ANIMAL rights activists who broke into a piggery and installed hidden and installed nidden cameras there, to try and expose animal cruelty, unwittingly caught a worker shagging a HOG. Among the weeks of

video, Farm Transparency Project's cameras captured the alleged act of bestiality at the Midland Bacon plant at

Midland Bacon plant at Carag Carag, around 150 miles north of Melbourne, Australia. Police have since charged a man with bestiality and he is due to appear in court in June. in June.

The allegations and images have come on the eve of an inquiry in state parliament into the welfare of farmed pigs.

In a statement, Midland Bacon said it is "committed to humane processing practices".
On the bestiality

allegations, it added: "We are unable to comment on the police charge, as this matter is now before the courts."















By KIT JACKSON news@sundaysport.co.ul

A PERVERT caught with illegal porn also had a vid of himself bumming his

pet Labrador.

Robert Gregory Hagberg II was charged with three counts of aggravated possession of sexually abusive materials, three of using a computer to commit a crime, and torturing of animals

animals.

A Michigan State Police investigation got underway after officials received a tip-off about the 37-year-old.

Authorities discovered that Hagberg allegedly had several files on his computer's hard drive of sexually abusive materials and videos of him sexually abusing a dog while he was living in Warren, Michigan.

EVILDOER: Robert Hagberg remains in custody

sexually abusing a dog while he was living in Warren, Michigan.

Hagberg will appear in court again next month.

"We will protect people from harm and ensure that those who exploit and harm them face the full consequences of their actions," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

"Thank you to The National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children who play a critical role in this mission and the Michigan State Police for their extensive investigation in this case. It is my duty to seek justice for those who have been wronged, especially when it involves the vulnerable we evidence in the control of the cont

A judge refused a request to reduce Hagberg's bail and he remains in custody.

A police source said: "As soon as we clapped eyes on this individual, we knew he was an evildoer.

"But, thanks to all

those Democrats in Washington, we gotta go through all the unnecessary expense of a trial. In the old days we would have just taken the varmint into the parking lot for some good, old fashioned Detroit justice."

Chunk of Brits 'not working' MORE than a fifth of

adults in the UK were deemed "not working" or "looking for work" between November and January, official figures

suggest.
The UK's economic inactivity rate was 21.8% in the three-month period, higher than a year earlier, the Office for National Statistics said.

It means 9.2 million people aged between 16 and 64 in the UK are not in work or education or looking for a job.
Concerns have been

raised over worker shortages affecting the British economy.

The number of people

not employed or actively looking for work surged during the COVID pandemic, but then started to fall as lockdowns ended and restrictions eased.









Cross-dressing teacher quits over viral pic

A CROSS-dressing teacher who went viral for wearing a bright pink dress to school has resigned, despite school officials clearing him of any wrongdoing. Chemistry teacher Rachmad Tjachyad was initially put on leave during an investigation

initially put on leave during an investigation into an incident sparked by him wearing the dress and matching coloured cowboy hat and boots on Valentine's Day at Hebron High in Carrollton, Texas. The Lewisville Independent School District later said its

Independent School District later said its review "affirmed there are no specific policies related to staff attire on dress-up days," and more than 20,000 people signed an online petition pushing for him to be reinstated.

him to be reinstated.
However, Tjachyadi
wrote a letter to his
students announcing
he was quitting anyway.
"After much thought
and consideration, I
believe this decision is
best for everyone," he
wrote

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"It has been very difficult to see the hateful comments on social media about me and about Hebron High School, and that has greatly influenced my decision to remove myself from the narrative."

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Texas Governor Greg Abbott said at the time: "No parent should be forced by the state to send their child to this

Any flies with that?

A BRANCH of fast food A BRANCH of fast food giant McDonald's was forced to close after a customer brought in LIVE INSECTS – to feed a PET SNAKE.

The branch in The Drove Retail Park, Newhaven, East Sussex, was shut for several hours as pest control

hours as pest control experts were brought in. It is currently unclear

if the pet snake was also taken into the branch in the seaside town. A spokesperson for

McDonald's said: "On Friday evening, we were made aware that a customer had entered our Newhaven restaurant with live insects to feed

a pet snake.
"As soon as we were made aware, we closed the restaurant and asked

the customer to leave.
"We reopened later in
the evening, having
carried out a thorough

clean of the restaurant.

"Pest control experts
have been called to the restaurant today to carry out precautionary checks."





Prodnose advert chiefs back down over FKA Twigs poster...

DOUBLE

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SNOOTY advertising bosses have reversed their ban on a Calvin Klein promo starring FKA Twigs - after The Midweek Sport

raised a stink.

In January, as reported in this paper, the Advertising Standards Authority banned the ad after it said the image in the campaign was likely to cause offence by "objectifying Singer blasts poster killioy

by "objectifying women".

In a statement, the agency said it had reversed its original decision after a review concluded the image is not sexually explicit.

However, the advert remains banned from display where it might be seen by children.

The regulator

The regulator launched a probe in response to just TWO complaints from prodnose prudes about the poster (above), which shows FKA Twigs wearing a shirt drawn halfway around her

Text above the singer reads: "Calvins or nothing."

In its original ruling,

poster killjoys

the ASA found the image "placed viewers' focus on the model's body" rather than her clothing and "presented her as a stereotypical sexual object". The musician hit back

accusing the post, accusing the watchdog of double standards and saying she saw "a beautiful strong woman of colour" within them on chicat rather than an object. The ASA added that

The ASA added that it was aware of "significant strength of public feeling, including views expressed by FKA Twigs" in response to its original findings. It said the decision to review the ban was "driven by our concern that our rationale for banning the ad was substantially flawed and that the republished and that the republished

'Lesbian fisting' film grant review

ARTS bosses will review a grant to a group laying on a lesbian FISTING and

SQUIRTING show.
Creative Scotland
awarded £84,555 to director Leonie Rae Gasson to develop film project Rein, which features "hardcore sex acts" with a casting call asking for sex workers with porn experience to fulfil roles in a "secret cave sex party".

The team behind the

Ine team benind the film are promising a fee of £270-per-day to take part in "non-simulated" sex and "hardcore" acts. Creative Scotland has vowed to review the grant

after discovering Rein was "considerably more explicit in its execution" than in the initial application.

PAIR TOOK DEAD OAP

TWO women propped up a dead man in their car to withdraw hundreds of pounds from his bank account, then dropped the corpse off at hospital.

Loreen Bea Feralo, 55, and Karen Casbohm, 63, are accused of driving the body of Douglas Layman, 80, to a drive-thru bank in Ashtabula, Ohio.

The women, who were not related to Layman but lived with him, removed the body from his home with the help of a third person.

They propped him up in the passenger seat "so that the cashier could see him, then tried to withdraw money from his account," Police Chief Robert Stell said.

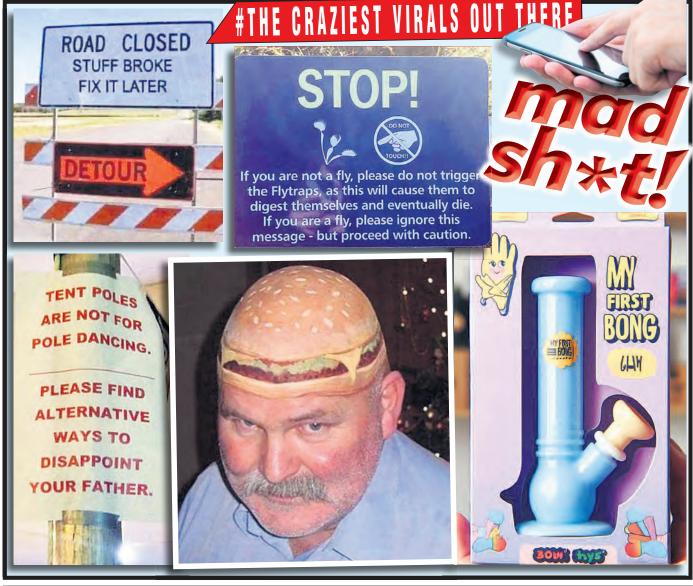
"The bank had allowed this previously as long as they were accompanied by him," he added.

After withdrawing £700, the women drove Layman (left) to Ashtabula County Medical Centre, where they dropped off his corpse without identifying him or themselves.

Casbohm and Feralo have themselves.

Casbohm and Feralo have been charged with theft and gross abuse of a corpse.







Porn star dies 'in robbery at her home'

COPS have launched a murder probe after porn star Sophia Leone

murder probe after porn star Sophia Leone was found dead at home, at the age of 26. The grot actress was found "unresponsive" in her New Mexico apartment on March 1 and the cause of death is being investigated. However, the Los Angeles agency 101 Modelling, which handled some of Sophia's bookings, said her death was being investigated as a "robbery and homicide". Her stepfather, Mike Romero, wrote on a GoFundMe page that the family was "seeking justice for Sophia". Meanwhile, Brian Berke, who runs the star's Florida-based agency, AMA Modelling, said: "At 18 you started with me at AMA and now at 26 I have to say goodbye. "We had such an amazing bond. I was supposed to be vour

amazing bond. I was supposed to be your guardian angel. A piece of me is gone. I love you."

PULL THE PLUG

COPS nicked a perv who was found naked and masturbating with a BUTT PLUG in his MOUTH in the bathroom of a female dorm at the University of California in Santa Cruz.

















Son battered mum to death after tatt row

A MAN bludgeoned his

A MAN bludgeoned his mother to death after she tried to stop him from slicing a tattoo off his leg.

James Doran, 30 (above), fled after the brutal slaying, where he led cops on a short pursuit and was eventually found covered in blood, reeking of booze and "acting erratically".

Doran is accused of killing his mother, 65-year-old Lillian Doran, inside the home they shared with several other family members in Gloucester Township, New Jersey, after the pair got into an "intense verbal argument".

"Witnesses stated that the previous

"Witnesses stated that the previous evening, the victim and James had argued about his cutting a tattoo off his leg and walking around the house with a baseball bat," the complaint stated. stated.

stated.
When cops arrived, they found Lillian
Doran "obviously dead" on her bedroom floor suffering from what appeared to be blunt force trauma.
Her car and her son were noticeably absent from the home

from the home.

Doran is being held in Bedford County,
Pennsylvania, while he awaits extradition to
New Jersey.

Knob-rot on the up since pandemic

EUROPE is in the grip of a CLAP epidemic, with reported gonorrhoea cases nearly doubling.

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control expressed
"deep concern" with the
rising rates.
Syphilis cases rose by

34% between 2021 and 2022, amounting to more than 35,000 cases in the latter year, while chlamydia cases jumped by 16% to more than 216.000.

More than 70,000 individuals were reported with gonorrhoea infections in 2022 – a 48% surge from the year before.

Other STIs, including lymphogranuloma venereum and congenital syphilis also saw major increases.

"The numbers paint a stark picture, one that needs our immediate attention," ECDC Director

attention," ECDC Director Andrea Ammon said. The surge follows years of rising STI rates in many countries, which was momentarily halted by government guidance for social distancing during the COVID pandemic.

Macron says claim is affecting sex life...

BOLLOCKS: Emmanuel scotched rumours about his missus Brigitte



FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron says that rumours his wife was born a **BLOKE** is affecting their SEX LIFE!

Macron has angrily hit back at longstanding conspiracy theories that his 70-year-old wife Brigitte was born a man and is transgender, calling them "false and fabricated".

The 47-year-old was unusually candid and emotional about the

emotional about the ongoing speculation in some right-wing circles about Brigitte, whom he married in 2007.

"The worst thing is the false information and fabricated scenarios," Macron said.
"People eventually

Macron said.

"People eventually believe them and disturb you, even in your intimacy."
Brigitte's lookalike daughter, lawyer Tiphaine Auzaine, 40, also addressed the painful rumours in an interview last month.

She said: "I have concerns about the level of society when I hear what is circulating on social networks about my mother being a man.

"The confidence of what is affirmed and the credit given to what is

credit given to what is proclaimed. Anyone can say anything about anyone, and it takes time to get it taken down."

The speculation

The speculation came to a head last summer, when a court in Normandy handed down a judgment in a defamation lawsuit

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against two French
women, Amandine Roy,
52 – a psychic – and
freelance
Natacha Rey, 48.
Both claimed in a
since-deleted four-hour
YouTube video in 2021
that Brigitte was born
as a baby boy called
Jean-Michel Trogneux
in 1953 – but that is
actually the name of the
first lady's brother.
The women like

first lady's brother.

The women also alleged that Brigitte Macron's first husband, André-Louis Auzière, had never actually existed before he died in 2019, aged 68.

The Macrons first met when Brigitte, then 40 taught drama at the

40, taught drama at the Catholic Providence school in Amiens. The future president was 15 and her daughter was

and her daughter was his classmate. When they tied the not in 2007, Emmanuel, then-29, told his three stepchildren: "Thanks for accepting us... a not-quite-normal couple."



<u>We little people</u> don't matter to

WHEN the natural order of things in the UK ended abruptly in June 2016, the previous bosses didn't have a clue what to do.

They stared at the sky. Shook their heads. Moved their feet around in the dirt.

around in the dirt.

Checked their watches. Took in a deep breath. Checked their watches again.

Glanced at the phone, wondering when on earth that "all is as it should be" WhatsApp text would arrive.

They'd shout to Old Johnny to make sure the ponies were fed and seen to. Bark at Old Molly to make sure the bacon was streaky and crispy.

Wonder what that buxom young filly from two homesteads down was doing sometime after 2pm.

Embarrassing

But all of those worthwhile pursuits which would normally simply suit himself just fine were being upset by the dreadful, appalling, embarrassing peasant's revolt.

Millions, it transpired, had disagreed with him

with him.
"Have they," he wondered, standing in his fancy wellies in an otherwise empty but muddy field in Oxfordshire, "just told me to f**k off?" And "very much so, yes", was the

And "very much so, yes", was the answer.

The decision voted for in our referendum on our membership of the intensely dull, entirely undemocratic, and increasingly absolutely useless European Union was a breaking point they would never accept.

Because Little People don't matter. Not to the Tories, who are clearly both barking mad but equally useless and staring a huze-scale annihilation

and staring a huge-scale annihilation in the face.

in the face.

Certainly not to Labour, either, who cater now only for Cambridge idiots and north London ideologues, both of which are interchangeable.

And definitely not to George Galloway, the most shameless man now once again in Westminster on behalf of the Look At Me In My Hat Party

Denail of the Look At Me in My Hat Party.

Then we have Lee Anderson jumping from the Tories to Reform, which I assume means he now has to swap desks at GB News.

Or you've got the entire sinking

swap desks at GB News.

Or you've got the entire sinking ship of the Government's front bench rats all pretending they don't want

Or the Lib Dems, which, let's face it, no-one's heard of for weeks, and



and could no-one's arsed about, and could anyway easily all be rotting away on the seabed, and we still wouldn't know.

So, for now, we have this lot.
But no-one thinks Rishi Sunak is going to suddenly become a great Prime Minister rather than the ineffectual nerd-in-short-trousers he currently is.

No-one is ever going to believe anything other than that his real claim to fame is as a star of The

Umbrella Academy.

The blueprint for being PM is to do the cool, bold, impressive stuff

first and then be a bit shit later on.
See Mr Blair for comparisons:
People's Princess! Yay! Illegal Iraq
War! Not so yay!

Incomparable

But at least people voted for Just Call Me Tony But Now Sir And Don't Ask Where My Money Comes From Because That's Just Rude And I'm On The Incomparable Leftist Side Of The Virtuous.

Whereas Rishi, like his predecessor

Liz, but unlike their predecessor Boris, has done the opposite – getting into office without the people voting

into office without the people voting for him.

Pissing off everyone the moment you got the keys to No.10.

Coming up with nothing.

Fixing tiny leaks while icebergs are

tearing apart the hull.

And then, just when everyone is desperate to hear something, anything, to raise their spirits, what does he come up with? More MATHS.

See you at the polling station.

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Tramp broke into home for bedside w*nk

A HOMELESS man on parole broke into a woman's home while

woman's home while she was sleeping and furiously masturbated next to her. Anthony Romero, a career criminal, barged into the victim's home in Santa Monica, California, in the early hours

hours.
When the woman, When the woman, who was not identified, woke up, Romero, 28 (above), was allegedly masturbating next to her bed and touching her face, Police Lt Erika Aklufi said.

The horrified woman told Romero to leave

told Romero to leave and he fled before police arrived.

Officers obtained surveillance footage to identify Romero, who they found the next morning on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Drone

Cops used a drone and police dog while arresting him. He has since been charged with burglary,

attempt to commit

attempt to commit rape and indecent exposure.
Romero was out on parole for a weapons violation at the time of this incident.
He has previously been arrested for

He has previously been arrested for shoplifting, public intoxication, resisting arrest, battery on a police officer, and parole violations. Romero is expected back in court next

month.

Burglar held for cleaning in the nude

A WOMAN broke into a house then took off her top and started rubbing her BOOBS when the homeowner ordered her

homeowner ordered her to leave.
Bonkers Misty Ranae Sitton, 41, then stripped FULLY NUDE and started cleaning the house.
When cops arrived at the scene in Chatsworth, Georgia, they observed Sitton "covered up by a hlanket. playing in a blanket, playing in a bowl of water". Officers asked Sitton

why she was there, and she stated she was there to "clean, due to the

to clean, due to the house being worthy of cleaning". They arrested and handcuffed her and transported her to the Murray County Jail.

Sitton faces charges including disorderly conduct and criminal trespass.

This case is pending

A police source said:
"There's only one way to
explain this case– drugs.



Glamour legend braves fire for charity IS H





WE all know glamour legend Louise Hodges is hot stuff... The busty babe literally

walked through fire at the weekend in her latest fund-raising stunt. The big-hearted babe

regularly raises money for good causes and this time round she was helping Harlington Hospice in west London.

Sizzling

The hospice supports people living with serious or terminal illness – providing care to help them live each day to the

fullest.
And so Louise walked across
HOT COALS in a sizzling
sponsored FIRE WALK!
To a backing tune of The
Prodigy's Firestarter, Louise
walked straight across the hot

coals with BARE FEET - before blowing a kiss to friends and fans.

She told us: "I did it! Yes, I was nervous but I just had to think of all the people who had sponsored me and how that money would help Harlington Hospice."

It's not the first time Louise has taken part in a hair-raising stunt for charity. She's previously abseiled

down the ArcelorMittal Orbit tower at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford, east London, and down the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel for good causes

TO donate to her fund-rasiser. go to: harlingtonhospice. enthuse.com/pf/louise-hooper







Dear Lexi,

I'VE been married to my missus for five years and I've just discovered a shocking secret she's been keeping from me.

She suddenly told me last week that she's bisexual and wants us to have a threesome with another woman.

Now I know most blokes would give up a left bollock to be in my position, but I'm not sure I want to go down this road again.

Lexi says...
FILM it, and even if you do end up getting dumped again, at least you've got something to put in the wank bank.

Dear Lexi,

MY husband is really into women's underwear – and the sexier the better. He's always buying see-through or crotchless knickers, peephole bras with basques, stockings and supenders. But they are not for me – they are for HIM!

HIM!
I must admit, though, that his penis is always rock-hard when he's wearing the kinky skimpies.
But is this normal?

RG, Northants

Lexi says...
IF he lets you have some benefit of his hardness, don't worry about it.

I shed my inhibitions as neighbour sucked me off

Dear Lexi,

THE other day I was in the shed on my allotment, tossing myself off over the pictures in one of a stack of old-ish porn mags I keep under a pile of old sacks

sacks.

Just as I was getting to the vinegar strokes I heard a knock – and then the shocked face of the wife of the bloke who has the next allotment appeared at the window.

the next allotment appeared at the window. I quickly pulled my pants up and went out to explain that as a lonely widower all I could rely on was my stash of old jazz mags and didn't trust the internet the internet. She said: "Aww, I

understand love, do you want a suck? My hubby's gone to B&Q for a bag of manure"

well, I've never looked a gift horse in the mouth and the next thing I was sitting on a stool in the shed with her sucking greedily om my member until I spurted.

She then wiped her gob and left, but I'm sure her hubby suspects something.

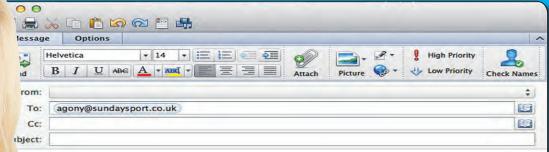
What do you think?

think?
TJ, Humberside

Lexi says...

IT'S his own marrying a hoe!

WELCOME to the World famous Sport Agony page! No other newspaper's agony aunts can offer the level of advice - or experience - than our own Agony Angels! This week LEXI LOWE has been reading through your letters. And here's her advice for you...



<u>Should we let stranger</u> film our sexhibitions?

Dear Lexi,

THE wife and I are both big exhibitionists.

We find it thrilling to have sex in places where we might get caught – in the car, at the beach in the summer, in changing

rooms and even on public transport.

Once, we got horny on a train and started diddling with each other and getting carried away. As it happens, the carriage was half full of football support-

ers who, far from telling us to cut it out, encouraged us to get stuck – which we did, to their cheers and howls of delight.

Helmet

We are both in our late-20s, have high sex drives and have fit, well-toned bodies. My wife's a gorgeous-looking redhead with fantastic tits and

doesn't mind who sees them

In order for us to reach a wider audience for our exhibitionism, we have started driving to a local

nave started driving to a local dogging site.

We have become so incredibly popular at this site that large crowds gather to watch us going at it – same time, same place, every week.

Other couples often get a bit miffed that the audionate to gather

that the audience tends to gather round our car because we put on such a great show.

Last week, though, we said we

would only perform for the crowd if each of them slipped us a tenner through the car window. With almost £200 in the kitty we put

on a real exhibition - lasting well over half-an-hour.
First the wife wanked me to my full

nine inches, gently squeezing my balls and licking the tip of my cock. She then took my helmet between her soft, full lips and began sucking it

until I was almost ready to come in her mouth.

Then she whipped me out of her gob

Then she whipped me out of her gob and straddled me while I sucked on her magnificent tits, which were bouncing around in my face.

After that we got in the back seat and I bent her over, doggy-style, to take her first in the fanny and later up the rear as the crowd looked on and pulled on their puds.

Then for the grand finale she

for the grand finale she

again before I splashed my hot spunk all over her face – in true porn film

style.

After the crowd had applauded – and shot their loads – and moved away, one guy came over to us and offered us £500 if he could film our next public session.

He insists that it's just for his own

private use

I'm up for it, but the wife is a bit worried in case he posts it online and someone who she works with sees it on the net

What should we do?

FT, West Midlands

Lexi savs...

DON'T do it – but see how he feels about paying £250 for a private show at your place. I'm sure the cash would come in pretty handy.

I bought vibrator to replace hubby

Dear Lexi,

MY hubby and I have been married for 20 years, but we hardly ever have sex these days. When we were first married we were at it all the time – he used to love going down on me for

hours on end and giving me multiple orgasms before ramming his big, hard willy up me.

I was discussing the proble with a female workmate recently, as us girls do.

She suggested I get myself a vibrator and have some solo fun if my old man isn't up for

have some solo fun if my old man isn't up for shagging any more.

I went online and after looking at all the recommendations bought myself one — paying extra for next day delivery because I was getting wet just thinking about using it. It arrived the next day and that evening, while my hubby was in the pub, I lay on the bed with my new toy. I put batteries in and eased it over my clit and into my pussy.

I quickly fell in love with it and soon had a massive orgasm.

I quickly fell in love with it and soon had a massive orgasm.

Since then I have been doing it four nights a week while my fella is out boozing.

Last night, my hubby came home early, caught me at it and called me a 'dirty slut'.

I explained that I enjoyed sex and as I was not getting any from him, I had to do something about it.

Now he won't even talk to me.

Now he won't even talk to me. What should I do?

NW. Lincs

Lexi says...

TELL him to man the f**k up, get his cock out and give you a good seeing-to. It's his duty!

Dear Lexi,

I'M a recent divorcee, aged 33, and I love to wear stockings, sussies and a basque.

That's my usual gear under whatever I've got on for the day, which is normally a long skirt and blouse. I'm enjoying being single for the first time in ages and have being single for the lifst time in ages and have begun to notice the blokes at work eyeing me up all the time. I think they know what kind of underwear

I have on because one of them offered me £20 to lift up my skirt and show him.

show him.

He was a good-looking fella, so I thought, 'What the heil?'

We went to the toilets and I hitched up my skirt and then bent over to show him my bum.

When I turned round he had his cock in his hand and was beating one off.

one off.

His cock was huge and I eased down my panties and began to play with myself, too.

Just as I was about to

come I shouted at him to ram it in, and he did – bringing me to a huge

orgasm.

But word got round
the office and now all
the lads are offering me
cash to flash.

What can I do?

TY, West Yorks

Lexi says...

JUST stick to the one guy or you won't be emptying sacks, you get it!



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 25. Decease (5)
 26. Animal skin (4)
 28. Dryly humorous (3)

- 1. WHO admitted that
- they edited the photo of Kate Middleton and her kids that was released by Kensington Palace to the press on Mother's Day? a) Wills

- b) Meghan c) Kate d) The Russians
- 2. FORMER Tory chair Lee Anderson has joined which other party, in a major blow for embattled PM Rishi Sunak – with insurgents warning of more defections before
- a) Liberal Democrats
 b) Labour
 c) Plaid Cymru
 d) Reform UK

- 3. WHICH Hollywood legend announced Oppenheimer as Best Picture at the Oscars, without bothering to name
- the other nominees?
 a) Al Pacino
 b) Gene Hackman
 c) Morgan Freeman
 d) Clint Eastwood
- 4. AND who scooped Best Actress – suffering a wardrobe malfunction as her dress split moments before heading on stage

- to pick up her gong?
 a) Annette Bening
 b) Emma Stone
 c) Lily Gladstone
 d) Carey Mulligan
- 5. WHICH pop legend singled out and scolded a concertgoer for sitting

ACROSS 1. Warehouse (5) 6. Frolics (5) 9. Uproar, informally (7) 10. Post off (5) 11. Is appropriate for (5) 12. Merges (5) 13. Shortage (7) 15. Male swan (3) 17. Soon (4) 18. Leisurely walk (6) 19. Incensed with anger (5) 20. A dogsbody (6) 22. Speed contest (4) 24. Sweet potato (3) 25. Bring to maturity (7) 26. Card game (5) 27. Provide food (5) 28. Apt to cry (5) 29. Gymnast's costume (7) 30. Nuisances (5) 31. Screams (5) 13 17 21 22 23 **SPORTDUKO**

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down at her Los Angeles gig before realising the fan was in a wheelchair?

- a) Adele b) Cher c) Madonna d) Kylie
- 6. ILLEGAL bookies paid up to £30,000 for private boxes at the Cheltenham Festival this year. How much did black market gambling generate in the UK last year?
- a) £70m b) £170m c) £270m d) £370m
- 7. A GIANT steel monolith shaped like what has appeared on a remote Welsh hill?
- a) Dildo b) Rishi Sunak
- c) Leek d) Toblerone
- 8. TELLY smash *The Traitors* will return as a

- celebrity Comic Relief celebrity Comic Relief sketch with which actress transforming into host Claudia Winkleman? a) Olivia Colman b) Suranne Jones c) Emilia Clarke d) Sydney Sweeney

- 9. HEALTH boffins say walking how many steps a week could add three years to your life?
 a) 15,000
 b) 30,000
 c) 45,000
- d) 60,000
- 10. WHICH football pundit was praised for bringing up "the elephant in the room" when discussing manager Pep Guardiola's achievements at Man City as they await a hearing over 1.15 Premier League charges?
- charges?
 a) Roy Keane
 b) Gary Lineker
 c) Jamie Carragher
 d) Ian Wright

23. Compel; 25. Death; 26. Pelt; 28. Wry. 6. Rosette; 7. Onus; 8. Petrol; 12. Fibre; 13. Dandy; 14. Forum; 15. Coral; 16. Bleep; 18. Steet; 19. Ignores; 21. Ravage; 22. Secede; 22. Ravage; 22. Recede; 3. Origin; 4. Tut; 5. Strut;







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'Gandbang Gran'! I'm a slut for swinging & I can happily suck and f**k 20 men in a night!

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Knight. So we bought together the cream of British Granny Fanny so that YOU can put them to the test! These dirty old birds are gagging to send you their disgusting pics and messages so that you can find

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love it all! Especially a**!!
Rim me, fist me, then stick
ur c**k in & fill my a'hole
with ur sticky jizz.

ff Trisha: I started making my own porno movies so I had an excuse for asking men round to f**k all my wrinkly holes.



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THE TOP TIPS FOR WEDNESDAY AND

EL FABIOLO is difficult to oppose as he looks to double Cheltenham Festival tally in Wednesday's Queen **Mother Champion Chase.**

Wother Champion Chase.
Willie Mullins' bay has been beaten just once since joining his current stable and is six from six since having his attentions turned to fences.
His novice chasing career last season was a clean sweep that saw him win the Irish Arkle, the Arkle and the Barberstown Chase, and he returned this season in equally

and the Barberstown Chase, and he returned this season in equally good form to land both the Hilly Way and the Dublin Chase.
He now returns to Cheltenham and has any number of factors in his favour as he tries to maintain his flawless chasing record, including course and distance form and a liking for the expected soft ground.

form and a liking for the expected soft ground.

In the opening Gallagher Novices' Hurdle it is Mullins' Ballyburn who can get the Closutton maestro off the mark on

the second day of the meeting.

The six-year-old had the option

THE GOD OF ODDS With his fab Festival fancies

of running in both this race and

Tuesday's Supreme Novices' Hurdle as he is proven over both two and two and a half miles.

His form at the longer trip is a 25-length maiden win at Leopardstown in December, where he beat subsequent winner Cleatus Poolaw out of sight when citil on the bridle.

Cleatus Poolaw out of sight when still on the bridle.

He returned to the same track to contest the Grade One Ireland 50th Derby Sale Novice Hurdle, where he was any easy winner again over two miles when prevailing by seven lengths.

His potential still remains untapped and he is bred to get the trip, meaning the extra distance and the uphill finish may well bring out more improvement.

bring out more improvement.
Continuing the Mullins theme,

Fact To File will line up in the Brown Advisory Novices' Chase with lofty expectations to fulfil, but he is expected to rise to the

but he is expected to rise to the challenge.
Arguably the second-best bumper horse around last season, the gelding skipped a hurdling career and graduated straight to chasing, finishing second to American Mike on debut.

Next time out he defeated Zanahiyr by 17 lengths and although he faced only one rival in stablemate Gaelic Warrior on his most recent outing in the Grade One Ladbrokes Novice Chase, he was hugely impressive Chase, he was hugely impressive and the clock watchers were suitably impressed.

Everything suggests this step up to three miles will be very

much to his liking, not least because he was a three-mile point-to-point winner as a five-year-old. In the Glenfarclas Chase, Minella Indo can enjoy a triumphant return to the scene of his finest hour for trainer Henry de Bromhead. The 2021 Gold Cup winner, Minella Indo has recently turned

The 2021 Gold Cup winner, Minella Indo has recently turned his hand to the cross-country discipline as he lines up a tilt at the Grand National in April. His first attempt around the track came in the Cross Country Handicap Chase in December, and under top-weight he took happily to the task to finish fourth when giving plenty of weight to all of the rivals ahead of him. His Cheltenham form includes only one blip and now on level weights, he looks the real threat to Delta Work as that one bids to retain his title.

Mullins can resume his

Mullins can resume his dominance in the Champion Bumper with You Oughta Know, the winner of two bumpers so far resume his ne Champion

by margins of 11 and two lengths at Kilbeggan and Galway. He was beaten by Jeroboam

Machin when most recently seen Machin when most recently seen in a Leopardstown Grade Two, but that horse has been ruled out for the season and in his absence You Oughta Know arguably brings the strongest form of all to the table.

WEDNESDAY WONDERS

1.30 Ballyburn, 2.10 Fact To File, 2.50 Langer Dan, 3.30 EL FABIOLO (NAP), 4.10 Minella Indo, 4.50 Harper's Brook, 5.30 You Oughta Know.

THURSDAY FANCIES

CRAMBO can complete his swift ascent through the ranks to land the Paddy Power Stayers' Hurdle on day three of the Cheltenham

Gay three of the CheitennamFestival.

Fergal O'Brien's seven-year-old has won five of his eight hurdle runs, with his only poor efforts when pulled up in a Newbury Grade One in December 2022 and finishing seventh in an Aintree Grade One last spring.

He has looked a fine stayer in the making this term though, cantering home on his return at

cantering home on his return at Aintree before just getting caught

THURSDAY AT CHELTENHAM



out off a slow early pace when stepped up to three miles for the first time in a Haydock handicap. Crambo showed that running to be all wrong when grabbing his first Grade One in the Long Walk at Ascot, edging out star veteran Paisley Park by a short head in what was a fine hattle to head in what was a fine battle to

the line.

While the heart would love Paisley Park to turn that form around, the head says Crambo is on the up and can mount the strongest home defence against Irish favourite Teahupoo.

Ginny's Destiny is three from four around Cheltenham this season was not as the part of the control of t

season and can make the leap to Grade One level in the Turners Novices' Chase. He looked in need of his initial

He looked in need of his initial spin when seventh back in October and has barely looked back since, hacking up by 10 lengths next time before fending off the reopposing Grey Dawning by three-quarters of a length subsequently.

The runner-up was conceding 3lb and made an awful mistake at the penultimete fence, but

at the penultimate fence, but

Ginny's Destiny was resolute in victory and really impressed when winning his prep under top-weight on Trials day here. Paul Nicholls landed that race

with subsequent Turners hero Stage Star last year, and it could again be a winning formula. The Ryanair Chase has an

The Ryanair Chase has an open feel, but preference is for champion Envoi Allen.

The 10-year-old has not run since pushing Gerri Colombe all the way over three miles at Down Royal in November, sidestepping Leopardstown at Christmas due to unsuitable ground while he was also a non-purpose at Thurles in Longary.

ground while he was also a non-runner at Thurles in January. He is a horse who runs well fresh though and has shone at the Festival on three occasions previously, winning the 2019 Bumper, the Ballymore the following year and this race last term, when he accounted for Shishkinby nearly three lengths. Gordon Elliott has made no secret of the regard in which he holds Mares' Novices' Hurdle contender Brighterdaysahead. She has shown plenty on the

She has shown plenty on the

track, winning her two bumper starts and each of her three hurdles spins, most recently when cruising home in a Navan Listed heat.

This is obviously another step up, but she yet to engage top gear in public.

Anna Bunnina can go well at a nice price in the Pertemps Network Final Hurdle. John McConnell's runner tried three miles for the first time in a Myscellward audition. first time in a Musselburgh qualifier for this and finished a fair fourth after coming from a way off the pace. Freddie Gingell was aboard that day and he again takes off 5lb.

THURSDAY TIPS
1.30 Ginny's Destiny, 2.10
Anna Bunina, 2.50 Envoi
Allen, 3.30 CRAMBO (NAP), 4.10 Theatre Man, Brighterdaysahead, Bowtogreatness.





Hendo backs Jonbon for Champion

By PAUL THOMAS

NICKY Henderson is optimistic Jonbon can give familiar foe El Fabiolo a run for his money when they clash for a third time in the Oueen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham today.

Jonbon was a narrow Johbon was a narrow victor when the top-class pair first clashed in a Grade One novice hurdle at Aintree in April 2022, but El Fabiolo took his revenge 12 months ago when running out a facile winner of the Arkle Trophy. With Johbon making a fine start to his season

fine start to his season with wins in the Shloer with wins in the Shloer
Chase at Cheltenham and
the Tingle Creek at
Sandown, and El Fabiolo
successful on his
reappearance in the Hilly Way at Cork, their rivalry was scheduled to resume in January's Clarence House Chase, but the abandonment of racing at Ascot meant they instead went their separate ways.
While El Fabiolo

stretched his unbeaten record over fences to six at the Dublin Racing Festival, Jonbon suffered a shock reverse in a rescheduled Clarence House on Cheltenham Trials day, with Henderson of the opinion that the extra week proved detrimental to his charge.

"I was really looking forward to Ascot and the clash with El Fabiolo, we were in absolute tip-top shape and I was very confident for that, we were very prepared for it," he said.

"Jonbon is the one horse, when you've wound up the clock, a week was a long time for him, I couldn't wind him up anymore and it gave us a headache of a week. "They'll go some gallop

in the Champion Chase and I think that suits him. It looks as if Edwardstone has come into pacemaking duties and he looked very good at Newbury, but in some ways I don't think that is a bad thing for us." El Fabiolo will look to



HOPEFUL: Henderson

provide Willie Mullins and Paul Townend with a third successive Champion Chase victory following the back-to-back triumphs

of Energumene. Townend said: "He's Townend said: "He's made the step into open company well this year and goes here off the back of a good win at the Dublin Racing Festival. He's

another exciting one for the week." Edwardstone won the 2022 Arkle for Alan King, and while he was no match for Jonbon in either the Shloer or the Tingle Creek earlier in the season, he looked right back to his best under a positive ride in last

positive ride in last month's Game Spirit Chase at Newbury. "He's never really been away and his two runs behind Jonbon were very pening Jonoon were very good. All right his run at Kempton over two and a half didn't work, which was disappointing, but he has done very little wrong in his life," said King.

"He's in good order, but this is a different ball game to the Game Spirit."

On whether Edwardstone could attempt to make all the attempt to make an the running, the trainer added: "We'll worry about tactics on the day, but there will be plenty of pace on and the Tizzard horse (Elixir De

the Tizzard horse (Elixir De Nutz) will go forward. We're certainly not going to drop him in, but we'll see what happens. "We've had a good preparation, but it's up to him now. It's nice to be part of it, but I'm not going there with any great going there with any great ctations that we going to win it.

- FOOTBALL: Champions League, Atletico Madrid v Inter Milan TNT Sports 1 1900, Borussia Dortmund v 1900, Borussia Dortmund v PSV Eindhoven — TNT Sports 2 1930; League One, Peterborough v Stevenage — Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event
- 1930.

 TENNIS: BNP Paribas Open
 Sky Sports Tennis 1730
 and Sky Sports Main Event
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- BASKETBALL: NBA. Miami Heat v Denver Nuggets — TNT Sports 2 2330.

- THURSDAY

 FOOTBALL: Europa League,
 West Ham v Freiburg TNI
 Sports 1 1700, Rangers v
 Benfica TNI Sports 4
 1700, Liverpool v Sparta
 Prague TNI Sports 2
 1900, Brighton v Roma —
 TNI Sports 3 1930; Europa
 Conference League, Aston
 Villa v Ajax TNI Sports 1
 1945; League Two, Salford
 v Stockport Sky Sports
 Football 1930.

 RUGBY LEAGUE: Super
 League, Salford v Wigan —
 Sky Sports Action 1930.

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- Sky Sports Tennis 1730 and Sky Sports Main Event
- 2300. GOLF: PGA Tour, The Players Championship – Sky Sports Golf and Sky Sports Main Event 1130.
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 DARTS: Premier League —
 Sky Sports Main Event
 1900.

 CYCLING: Men's Grand Prix
 de Denain Eurosport 2
 1300.

 HORSE RACING:
 Cheltenham Festival ITV
 11300.

 BASKETBALL: NBA, Boston
 Cettics v Phoenix Suns —
- Celtics v Phoenix Suns TNT Sports 2 2330, Oklahoma City Thunder v Dallas Mavericks — TNT Sports 2 0200 (Fri).

FRIDAY

- FRUDAY
 FOOTBALL: Women's Super
 League. Chelsea v Arsenal
 Sky Sports Premier
 League 1830 and Sky
 Sports Main Event 1900;
 Scottish Championship. Scottish Championship.
 Dunfermline v Dundee
 United — BBC Scotland
 1945; Serie A, Empoli v
 Bologna — TINT Sports 3
 1930; LaLiga, Real
 Sociedad v Cadiz — Viaplay
 Sports 1 2000; Bundesliga,
 Cologne v RB Leipzig —
 Sky Sports Mix 1920.
 RUGBY UNION. Premiership
 Rugby Cup, Gloucester v
- Rugby Cup, Gloucester v Leicester TNT Sports 1
- 1900. RUGBY LEAGUE: Super League, Leeds v St Helens
 — Sky Sports Action 1930.
- TENNIS: BNP Paribas Open
 Sky Sports Tennis 2030
 and Sky Sports Main Event
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- GOLF: PGA Tour, The Players Championship Sky Sports Golf and Sky Sports Main Event 1130.
 CYCLING: Men's Bredene Koksijde Eurosport 2 1330.
 HORSE RACING: Cheltenham Festival ITV 1 1300.

FOOTBALL Premier FOOTBALL: Premier League, Fulham v Tottenham — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sport Premier League 1700: FA Cup, Wolves v Coventry — ITV 1 1130, Manchester City v Newcastle — BBC

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- Sports 1 2000. Bundestiga. Hoffenheim v Stuttgart Sky Sports Football 1720. RUBGY UNION: Six Nations. Wales v Italy BBC One 1345 and S4C 1330. Ireland v Scotland ITV 1555. France v England ITV 1720. RUGGY LEAGUE: Super League Hull Er v Leigh —
- League, Hull FC v Leigh -Sky Sports Action 1455, Catalans v Castleford -Sky Sports Action 1725.

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 and Sky Sports Main Event
 2300.
 *GOLF: PGA Tour. The
 Players Championship —
 Sky Sports Golf 1400 and
 Sky Sports Main Event
 1430 & 2000.
 *CYCLING: Milan—San Remo
 Eurosport 2 0830
- Eurosport 2 0830.
 BOXING: Nathan Heaney v
 Brad Pauls TNT Sports 1 1830
- HORSE RACING: Uttoxeter
- HURSE RACING: Uttoxeter ITV 4 1315. BASKETBALL: NBA, Houston Rockets v Cleveland Cavaliers TNT Sports 4 2000.

- SUNDAY

 FOOTBALL: FA Cup, Chelsea v Leicester BBC One 1220, Manchester United v 1220. Manchester United v Liverpool — ITV 1445; Women's Super League, Brighton v Manchester City — BBC Two 1230; Scottish Premiership, Dundee v Rangers — Sky Sports House to the Store of Store Football 1100; Championship, Leeds v Millwall — Sky Sports Football 1500; National League, Oxford City v League, Oxford City v Halifax Town — TNT Sports 1 1145; Serie A, Juventus v 1 1145, Serie A, Juventus v Genoa — TNT Sports 2 1130, Hetlas Verona v AC Mitan — TNT Sports 2 1400, Roma v Sassuolo — TNT Sports 1 1700, Inter Milan V Napoli — TNT Sports 1 1930; LaLiga, Sevilla v Cetta Vigo — Viaplay Sports 1 1300, Villarreal V 1 1300. Villarreal v Vatencia — Viaplay Sports 1 1515. Rayo Vallecano v Real Betis — Viaplay Sports 1 1730. Attetico Madrid v Barcelona — ITV 4 and Viaplay Sports 1 2000. Ligue 1, Brest v Lille — TNT Sports 3 1200. Monaco v Lorient — TNT Sports 3 1400. Rennes v Marseille — TNT Sports 4 1600. Montpellier v Paris St Germain — TNT Sports 3 1945.
- 1945. RUGBY LEAGUE: Super League, London Broncos v Warrington — Sky Sports Action 1455.
- TENNIS: BNP Paribas Open - IENNIS: ชกษ Paribas Upen - Sky Sports Tennis 1730 and Sky Sports Main Event
- 1900.

 GOLF: PGA Tour, The
 Players Championship —
 Sky Sports Golf 1400 and
 Sky Sports Main Event
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- 1730.

 CYCLING: Trofeo Alfredo
 Binda Eurosport 2 1330;
 National French Cup —
 Eurosport 2 1500.

 BASKETBALL: NBA,
- BASKETBALL: NBA,
 Milwaukee Bucks v
 Phoenix Suns TNT Sports
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 Denver Nuggets TNT Sports
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By NED TRUEMAN

ENGLAND should play the long game with Jofra Archer and prime him for India's visit next year as well as the 2025/26 Ashes, according to former fast bowler Steve Harmison.

Archer's last Test was more than three years ago, but he remains a muchbut he remains a much-coveted asset and England are hopeful he will be available for their T20 World Cup title defence in the Caribbean in June. Harmison believes the next two five-Test series against India in the summer of 2025 then in Australia the

of 2025 then in Australia the following winter should take priority above all else where Archer is concerned.

Winning

"It's slowly but surely with him," Harmison told Midweek Sport.
"I'd build Jofra Archer up to play in 10 Test matches over the next two years – five against India and five against Australia or four each

each. "I'd treat him like a prize racehorse. If England can keep him fit for the majority of those two series, I'd feel as though they have got a chance of winning."

chance of winning.

"If he can play in Test matches in between and his body is holding up then



everything after that is a

Archerhashadasuccession of stress freetune Archer hashad a succession of stress fractures in his bowling elbow and another in his back since his most recent red-ball appearance for England, while his last professional appearance was 10 months ago.

He joined England in Barbados before Christmas during their white-ball tour of the West Indies and took part in some bowling drills as

part in some bowling drills as part of his rehabilitation from the latest setback in his right elbow.

Just a couple of days afterwards, Archer, who was awarded a two-year central contract in October,

blindsided England by playing for his old school side in the Barbados Cricket Association league.

Association league.

But Harmison feels it could be better for everyone involved if the 28-year-old is allowed to get back to full fitness away from prying

antowed to get back to fulfitheses away from prying eyes.

"When I heard he was playing in that game in Barbados, I was over the moon, I just wish he had told (England's managing director of men's cricket) Rob Key first," Harmison said.

"If he turns up for the T20 World Cup, fantastic, if he turns up for a Test match this summer, fantastic, but the most important thing for me is about his mental health and making sure he's in a position to play cricket without thinking, 'In however many weeks, I'm going to be injured again'.

Promising

Promising

"The more he does the bowling repetition and the muscle memory stuff under less scrutiny and less pressure, the better it will be for him coming back into top-level cricket."

level cricket."

England have won three and lost six of their last 10 Tests against India and Australia and, in both series, there were instances where Ben Stokes' side let promising positions slip through their fingers.

After India sealed a 4-1 tributable in December 2.

triumph in Dharamsala on Sunday, England head coach BrendonMcCullumadmitted

they were too "timid" in passages and said their 'Bazball' style would be refined to adapt to such situations when they tour in

future.
Harmison, who criticised
England's lack of a warm-up Harmison, who criticised England's lack of a warm-up match before the series, expects them to rebound with six wins out of six against the West Indies and Sri Lanka this summer, but he insisted there must be lessons learned from what happened in India where they played better than many expected.

"They'll win all six Test matches comfortably," said Harmison, who played 123 times for England between 2002 and 2009. "It's not a case of looking at just the summer, they've got to look beyond that.

"They've got to be smarter in identifying situations. We've got some cricket brains leading this team, but sometimes inside that dressing room, we might have individual characters who are happy to say, "That's the way we play," and that's not acceptable.

"They have to be more

not acceptable.

"They have to be more accountable when they make mistakes. This is not the Dog and Duck, this is Test match

and Duck, this is Test match cricket.

"Having the crutch of, That's the way we play, it's Bazball'. No, Bazball is giving you the freedom to be the best version of yourself possible. You've still got to play the situation."



MAURICIO Pochettino warned there will be problems more for Chelsea if they fail to build on their 3-2 victory over Newcastle at Stamford Bridge as he praised the impact of match-winning sub Mykhailo Mudryk.

The Ukrainian came off the bench to score with a superb goal to make it 3-1 in the 76th minute, pelting on to the ball at full tilt before tricking his way beyond Fabian Schar and

nipping round Martin Dubravka to finish.

"It was a very good goal and that is what we expect from a player from the bench—impact," said Pochettino.

"Then it is about competing with different nlayers in his

....... unierent players in his position. Then he will deserve to (start)."

The goal helped settle a

By PAUL THOMAS

finely balanced game, the kind that has so often slipped away from Chelsea under Pochettino.

They had already allowed an advantage to get away from them on the stroke of balf time

half-time. Leading

half-time.

Leading 1-0, Chelsea
made two errors to hand
Newcastle a way back into
the match.

First, the otherwise
impressive Malo Gusto was

caught trying to juggle the ball in midfield, then Trevoh Chalobah rushed up from central defence to assist and central defence to assist and left a gaping hole into which Alexander Isak darted and rifled the visitors level. Earlier, Nicolas Jackson hadgiven histeam a deserved

sixth-minute lead, applying the deftest touch with his heel to Cole Palmer's strike, getting just enough contact to divert it out of the reach of Dubravka

Palmer, brilliant again on



the right of a forward three. scored a 13th goal of his debut Chelsea season early in the second half.

CHALLENGE: Pochettino

Enzo Fernandez spotted the Blues' top-scorer in space and gave the ball to him with and gave the ball to him with his back to goal. Palmer turned and lashed a shot inside the near post for 2-1. Then came Mudryk's decisive moment of magic and, although Jacob Ramsey

gave Chelsea a scare with a cracking late drive from range, Pochettino's young

cracking late drive from range, Pochettino's young side clung on.

"We need to understand that we are Chelsea," said Pochettino. "We are in a project that is completely different (to the past). Some people might be confused. When people don't want to listen, it's difficult.

Tough

"But we are trying to explain we are a different Chelsea, we are building something different. It's going to be tough.
"We need to keep believing,

"We need to keep believing, even when it's tough circumstances. We played (the Carabao Cup) final, 120 minutes, then after three days we play the FA Cup and we play Brentford. In six days we played three very tough games, nearly with the same team. same team.

"It was really tough. If that means we are a disaster, OK. The most important thing is

it's not affecting the team.

They know what they need to do and we keep believing.

"The wintodayisimportant for our fans to be a little bit more calm. But I think if we

more calm. But I think if we don't win our next game, it's going to be again a problem. That is Chelsea."

Newcastle boss Eddie Howe reflected on a match that had been there for the taking before Mudryk's late strike

taking before Muuryks lace strike.

"I thought it was a game in the balance and an open game," he said. "The game got away from us with the goals we conceded which were really poor from our perspective—they were self-induced.

perspective - they were seninduced.

"Wherever you play you
have to pride yourself on
being tight and I don't think
Chelsea had an abundance of
chances tonight.

"But the way the goals
came from our perspective is

came from our perspective is hugely frustrating as we know the details have to get better."

1. Who are the record 14-time winners of the Women's FA Cup? 2. England fly-half Marcus Smith was born in which country?

3. Who is the current top goal scorer this season in the Sky Bet Championship? 4. Which city will host the 2032 summer Olympic Games? 5. In which year did James Anderson make his Test match debut for England? 6. Novak Diokovic crashed out of this week's BNP Paribas Onen in Indian Wells after defeat to which lucky loser?
7. Which German car company will make its debut in Formula One in 2026? 8. Who rode favourite Galopin Des Champs to victory in last year's Cheltenham Gold Cup? 9. Name the head coach of the England Women rugby union team. 10. Which football club sacked their manager this week for aiming an apparent headbutt at an opposing player after his side's Serie A defeat? 11. In which north-west town did World Darts Championship runner-up Luke Littler grow up? 12. In what country does the next race in the Formula One season take place? 13. How old was
England's Charley Hull
when she became the
youngest player to take
part in the Solheim Cup in 2013? 14. Which former India batter and captain is the current head coach of the men's team?
15. Who has scored for Chelsea in each of the last three Women's FA Cup finals? 16. Which club did Roberto De Zerbi manage in his last job before taking charge of Brighton? 17 What has been Emma Raducanu's highest WTA ranking to date - a) five, b) 10 or c) 18. Which League Two football club play their home games at Holker Street? 19. How many gold

FIGHTING TALK FROM WAT

Ollie Watkins says Sunday's home humiliation at the hands of fellow Champions League hopefuls Tottenham does not define their season. All eyes were on Villa Park

as fourth hosted fifth, with Unai Emery's side edging the first half before being blown

first half before being blown away by Spurs.

James Maddison and Brennan Johnson goals were followed by Villa skipper John McGinn receiving a straight red for a reckless challenge on Destiny Udogie.

Son Heung-min and

By JOHN ANTHONY

substitute Timo Werner completed a 4-0 hammering in stoppage time.

"Really disappointing," Watkins said. "First half I felt we had opportunities, I had an opportunity myself, I've chopped back, maybe I

should shoot.
"But I felt in the first half they didn't cause us too many problems, I think they had

problems, I think the, one corner. "Second half we've come out a little bit slow and they're always quick coming

out in the second half. They've scored two goals quickly and it's very difficult against a good side to come back from 2-0. Obviously, with our captain getting sent off as well, it was difficult."

The result saw Spurs cut the gap to fourth-placed Villa to two noints.

to two points.

Watkins' disappointment is clear after but there will be no wallowing in self-pity after what he believed was

just a bump in the road.
"The ref said he checked it
but (Micky Van De Ven) has definitely caught my Achilles there," the England ace said.
"Then I felt another one, from
I think it was Pedro Porro, in
the early five minutes of the
game, which is not great.
"But that's no excuse for a

poor performance from myself, I can definitely do better and, as a team, we can do better. "But this doesn't define us,

this game doesn't define our

season.
"We've done unbelievable to we've done unbellevable to get where we are, really proud of all the boys, we've still got a lot of football to play. So, this game doesn't define our season."



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medals did Jamaican

sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah collect across the Rio and

Tokyo Olympics? 20. What is the nickname of LaLiga side

Villarreal?

- 1873: The Scottish **Football Association** was formed when representatives from eight clubs met at the Dewar's Hotel in Glasgow.
- 1889: Test cricket was played in South Africa for the first time. The host nation, led by Owen Dunell, welcomed the England team, captained by C Aubrey Smith, in the first of two Tests at St George's Park, Port
- 1948: The Lincolnshire Handicap drew a field of 58 horses – the largest number of runners for a flat race in Britain
- 1953: Wigan signed Welsh rugby union prospect Billy Boston for £3,000, launching one of the all-time great rugby league careers. The Cardiffborn winger went on to score 478 tries in 487 appearances for the Central Park club.
- 1967: Former West Indies cricket captain Sir Frank Worrell, who scored 3.860 runs in 51 Test appearances, died at the age of 42.
- 1991: Ronnie O'Sullivan, at the English Amateur Snooker Championship, became the youngest player to compile a maximum 147 break at the age of 15 years and 98 days.
- 2002: Everton terminated the contract of manager Walter Smith. 2003: Best Mate,
- ridden by Jim Culloty, became the first horse since L'Escargot in 1970 and 1971 to win consecutive Cheltenham Gold
- 2006: Former Celtic forward Jimmy Johnstone died aged
- 2010: Jessica Ennis later Ennis-Hill - won gold in the pentathlon at the World Indoor Championships in Doha
- 2016: Ross County won the Scottish League Cup for the first time in their history after beating Hibernian 2-1 in the final at Hampden Park
- 2016: England won the Six Nations title after Scotland beat France 29-18 at Murrayfield. The Red Rose went on to claim the Grand Slam for the first time since 2003.
- 2017: Durban was stripped of the 2022 Commonwealth Game after failing to meet
- key obligations. 2021: Motorsport commentator Murray Walker died.
- 2022: Tom Brady reversed his decision to retire from the NFL The seven-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback would play one final season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers before retiring for good.

TIGHT AT ic of YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE EST-1892

LIVERPOOL midfielder Wataru Endo was encouraged by their display against Manchester City and hopes the point they earned at Anfield will be vital in the title race.

Pep Guardiola's happier with the 1-1 draw even though it left them third in the

though it left them third in the table, a point behind Liverpool who were kept off top spot by Arsenal's goal difference.

The Gunners still have to go to the Etihad and should both Liverpool and City win all their remaining games, Jurgen Klopp's team would be crowned champions.

"Second half we had more chances."

"Second half we had more chances than Man City so, yeah, we are disappointed about the result but we need to move forward," Endo said. "But the way we played, with how

By PAUL THOMAS

we created the chances, I think it

we created the chances, I think it was amazing. If we keep playing like we did, the results will come.
"At the end of the season, this one point might be important. That's what we want to say. So, we need to keep playing like this and just try to

keep playing like this and just try to win every game."
Liverpool have history of taking the title race down to the final day against City, missing out by a point on two occasions as in 2018-19 they finished second with a record 97-point haul and in 2021-22 when they were runners up on 92.

In the first instance they won nine and drew one of their last 10 games — denied by City's remarkable finish of 14 successive victories — and in 2022 they won all but two of their final 18 fixtures, drawing against City and Tottenham. It appears the

Reds will have to do something similar, if not better, if they are to win a second title in four years but, due to the nature of the three-horse

due to the nature of the three-horse race, no-one is quite sure what will be required.

"I don't think I have ever been involved in a title race with three teams," said manager Klopp, whose side are still in contention to win four trophies this season despite struggling with a host of injuries.

Favourite

"Germany was usually Bayern, but in one year we (Borussia Dortmund) became champions it was Leverkusen, and here there was only one team (City) who became champions usually and we stepped in between one time.
"I literally don't know if it changes something."

something.

"We have 10 games to play, so obviously nothing is decided. There

are plenty of games that we still have to play.

"The next one in the league is

Brighton at home, traditionally it is

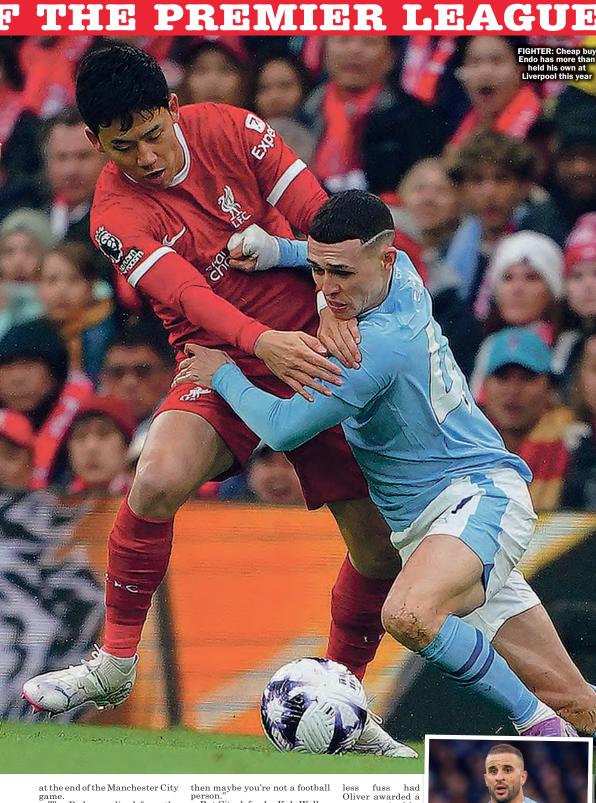
Brighton at home, traditionally it is not our favourite opponent. It is not that we think, "Thank God it's Brighton'.

"That is a tough game for us. At one point we play Tottenham here, we have to go to Aston Villa.

"I would prefer to have 30 points between us and all the other teams but the realistic thing is are we really in that race from a performance point of view. point of view.

"But we need the players back as

"But we need the players back as soon as possible.
"All the stories we created with the kids and stuff are wonderful, wonderful, I couldn't be happier about that, but of course we fight for the biggest prize in football."
Klopp could be in hot water with the Football Association after his comments about the penalty decision



game.

The Reds equalised from the penalty spot but the German is convinced they should have another. There was a late VAR check after City's Jeremy Doku caught Alexis Mac Allister in the chest with his boot but nothing was given.

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Klopp said: "This situation, on all positions on the pitch, is 100 per cent a foul and it's a yellow card. "He hit the ball but he can only

"He hit the ball but he can only hit the ball because his foot was right there. If the ball is not there, he kills him.
"It's as easy as that. It's a penalty for all football people on the planet.
"If you don't think it is one

then maybe you're not a rootban person."

But City defender Kyle Walker has backed referee Michael Oliver for not "crumbling" in a fierce Anfield atmosphere Walker hailed Oliver's character and experience in withstanding the pressure.

"I feel the ref did really well. Once you have the Anfield crowd behind them, he could've have

Once you have the Anfield crowd behind them, he could've have crumbled," he said.

"Butthat shows his experience, shows his character and that's why he is regarded as probably one of the best referees in this country and the world at this minute.

"The VAR has checked it, the ref has done it. That's all I'm going to say."

Former Premier League referee Dermot Gallagher claimed there would have been

potentially match-winning spot-kick.

He is clearly not sure that the whistleblower made the right decision.
"I think there

would be less argument if it

was given as a penalty.

"If you give it, there won't be much talk about it after the game, he said.

"It raises lots of dilemmas in my opinion.



Nev: Big clubs 'a disgrace' over funding

SALFORD co-owner Gary Neville has accused the Premier League of negligence towards the rest of English football and branded the failure to agree a new funding deal for the EFL as an "absolute disgrace".

This week's shareholders

meeting in London ended without an offer being made as top flight clubs feel the priority is to thrash out a new financial system to replace the current profitability and

sustainability rules (PSR).

A six-year deal granting the EFL 14.75 per cent of net media revenue with the Premier League – projected to be worth in the region of £900million - has been mooted but clubs are focused on getting their own house in order first.

"I am more interested in the vote they didn't have, which was to support the rest of the Football League which they keep bumping down the road and it's an absolute disgrace," the former Manchester United defender said.

"It is about the welfare of the game and the sustainability of the whole

league.
"The Premier League at this moment in time are this moment in time are negligent in their dismissive nature, just pushing it down the road, thinking 'maybe a regulator will sort it, maybe we'll sort it' and not delarg authling doing anything.

"That's not good governance, it just demonstrates to me that they are not looking after the whole game like they should be.

"It angers me every time I see they have a Premier League meeting and seem to look after themselves but not look after the rest of football."

The Premier League, which earlier outlined its stance in a statement, made no comment when contacted for a response to Neville's remarks. The Government has

repeatedly said it wants the football authorities to agree a new financial



UNHAPPY: The EFL

settlement among themselves, but has warned that one could be imposed upon them by 'backstop' powers set to be given to the new independent regulator. A Premier League

spokesperson said on Monday: "At a Premier League shareholders' meeting today clubs agreed to prioritise the swift development and implementation of a new league-wide financial

"This will provide certainty for clubs in relation to their future financial plans and will ensure the Premier League is able to retain its existing world-leading investment to all levels of

the game.
"Alongside this, Premier League clubs also reconfirmed their commitment to securing a sustainably-funded financial agreement with the EFL, subject to the new financial system being formally approved by

"The league and clubs also reaffirmed their ongoing and longstanding commitment to the wider game which includes £1.6 billion distributed to all levels of football across the current three-year

cycle.
The Premier League's significant funding contributions cover all EFL clubs and National League clubs, as well as women and girls' football, and the grassroots of the game."

The EFL has declined to comment, and is expected to discuss the issue at a board meeting later this

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